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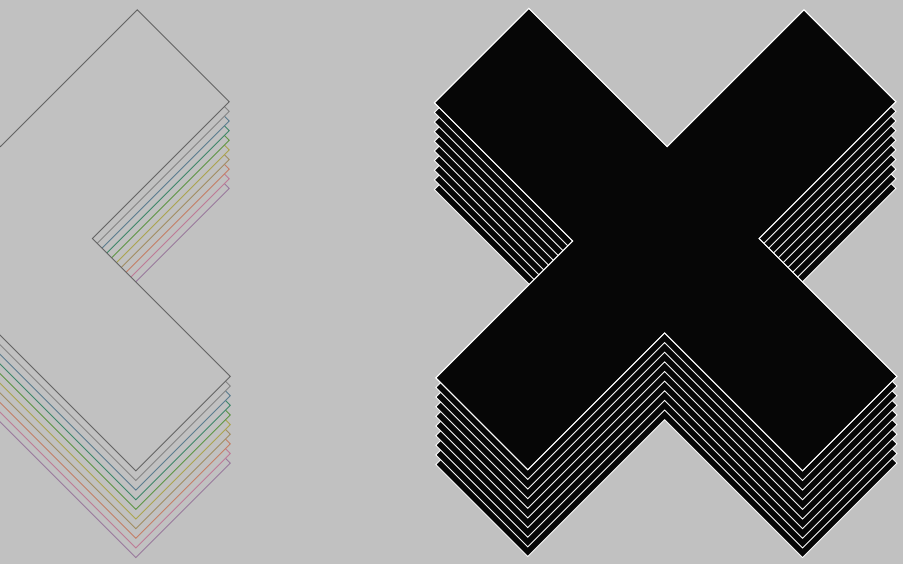

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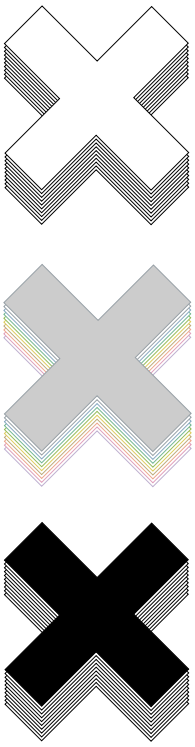

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The Overemastel site located on the south-east edge developed over the years with the Amstel river playing an important logistic role in the urbanisation of the city. The presence of the A10 Ring Road and mobility infrastructure together with the water infrastructure inherited by previous industrialisation of the area led to spatial fragmentation, splitting the site into four mono-functional parts.

Although the existing industrial and social housing typologies grant an abundance of open space, they are often used as a buffer layer that serve to further divide the site. The four segments suffer from a lack of walkability and public accessibility resulting from the absence of an urban strategy, relying instead on 'patchwork interventions' that do not contribute to the larger vision for the site.

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Image by Jelmer van Zalingen

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